

Whiskered Tern

Chlidonias hybridus

Species No.: 110

Band size: 05



Adult breeding



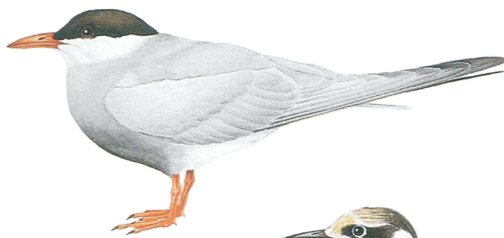
Adult non-breeding



Early stage of moult from juvenile to first immature non-breeding plumage



Juvenile



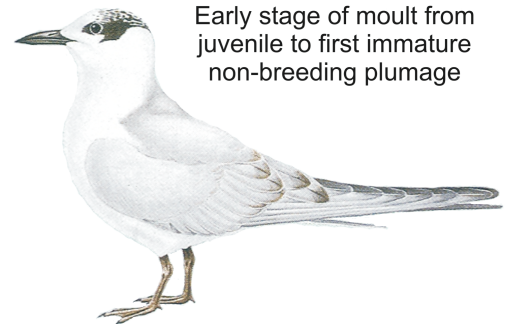
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Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	213 – 235 mm	203 – 234 mm
Tail:	66 – 83 mm	63 – 82 mm
Bill:	28.3 – 33.2 mm	24.7 – 30.8 mm
Weight:	80 – 110 g	60 – 96 g

Ageing:

See illustrations;

Moult sequence is poorly known for immatures/sub-adults;

Adults moult twice yearly – a complete post breeding moult and a partial pre-breeding moult;

Breeding birds will be at least (2+).

Sexing:

Males are significantly heavier and larger in all measurements than females – see morphometrics above;;

Both sexes incubate.